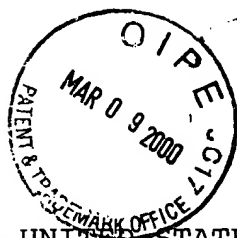


2722  
#2



35.G2502

PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
MINORU HAYASAKI ) : Examiner: Not Yet Assigned  
Application No.: 09/449,972 ) : Group Art Unit: 2722  
Filed: November 26, 1999 ) :  
For: IMAGE PROCESSING ) :  
APPARATUS, AND IMAGE ) :  
COMMUNICATION APPARATUS ) :  
FOR PROTECTING IMAGE ) :  
INFORMATION, AND METHOD ) :  
FOR CONTROLLING THE SAME : March 8, 2000

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

RECEIVED  
MAR 13 2000  
TECH CENTER 2700

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

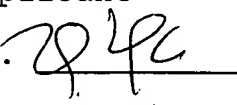
In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the document listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. A copy of the listed document is also enclosed.

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our New York office by telephone at (212) 218-2100. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

Respectfully submitted,

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Attorney for Applicant

Registration No.   
29,296

FITZPATRICK, CELLA, HARPER & SCINTO  
30 Rockefeller Plaza  
New York, New York 10112-3801  
Facsimile: (212) 218-2200